

The major indicators of the 2000s economy from the perspective of working families

	2000	2007	Change
<i>GDP (billions of dollars)</i>	\$9,817	\$11,567	18.0%
<i>Productivity</i>	116	138	19.0%
<i>Jobs (in thousands)</i>	131,785	137,626	4.0%
<i>Unemployment rate</i>	4.0%	4.6%	0.6
<i>Underemployment rate</i>	7.0%	8.3%	1.3
<i>Labor force participation rate</i>	67.1%	66.0%	-1.1
<i>Annual hours*</i>	3,207	3,121	-3.0%
<i>Median weekly earnings of full-time workers</i>	\$694	\$695	0.2%
<i>Median income**</i>	\$59,398	\$58,886	-1.0%
<i>Poverty rate**</i>	11.3%	12.1%	0.8
<i>Inequality***</i>	21.5	22.9	1.4

* Last data point: 2006.

** 2007 data are EPI forecasts.

*** The share of national income (including cap gains) going to the top 1%.

Source: BLS, BEA, EPI analysis of CPS data, Census Bureau.

Table 1 from: Mishel, Lawrence, Jared Bernstein, and Heidi Shierholz, *The State of Working America* 2008/2009. An Economic Policy Institute Book. Ithaca, N.Y.: ILR Press, an imprint of Cornell University Press, 2009.

